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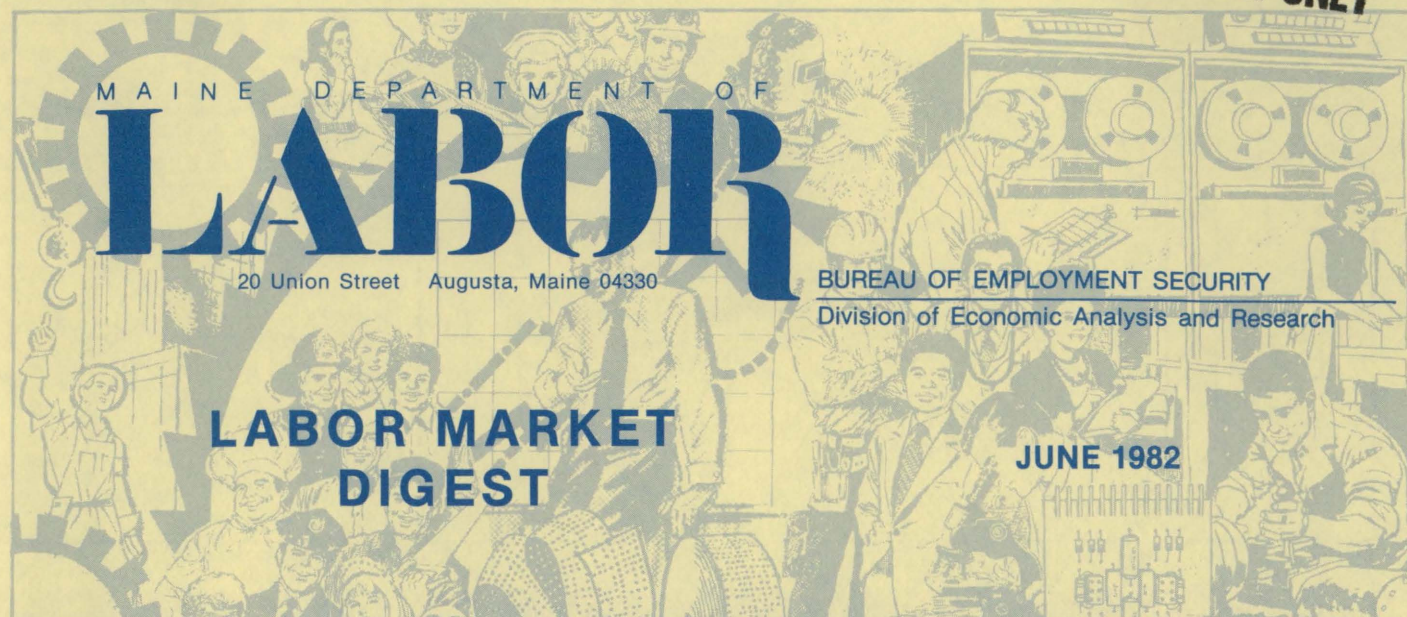
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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

RECENTLY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY NOTIFIED EMPLOYERS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF USING COMPUTERS TO EASE THE PROCESS OF FILING REPORTS TO THE BUREAU.

DUE TO THE INCREASING USE OF COMPUTERS, MANY EMPLOYERS NOW MAINTAIN FULLY COMPUTERIZED PAYROLL AND TAX ACCOUNTING RECORDS. THESE EMPLOYERS OFTEN FIND IT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY PAYROLL AND CONTRIBUTION REPORTS TO THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BASED ON COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION IN A MANUAL OR TYPED FORMAT.

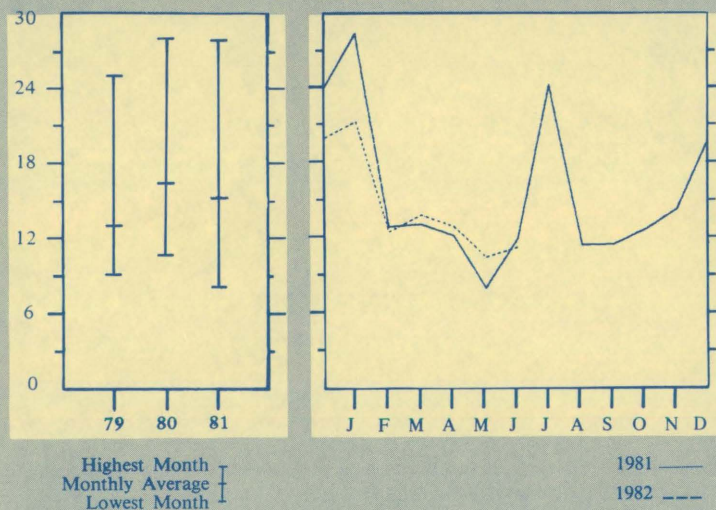
THE BUREAU'S OWN COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM HAS THE CAPACITY TO SIMPLIFY THE QUARTERLY REPORTING PROCESS FOR BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE AGENCY.

THE RESPONSE TO THE BUREAU'S OFFER TO EMPLOYERS HAS BEEN GRATIFYING. LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF PRIVATE EMPLOYERS HAVE CONTACTED THE BUREAU TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTOMATED REPORTS.

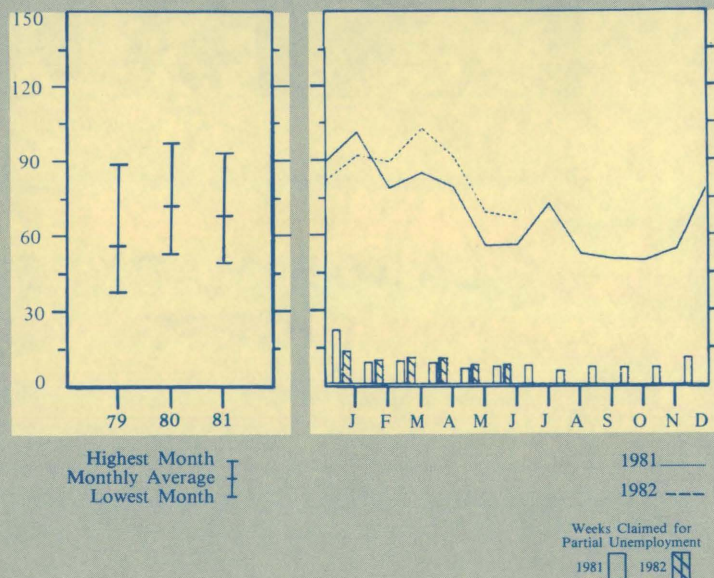
QUICK, ACCURATE COMPUTER REPORTS HAVE MORE THAN TIME-SAVING BENEFITS FOR THE BUREAU. THE AUTOMATED RECORDS ARE USED IN A CROSS-MATCHING FASHION TO DETECT INCIDENCES OF AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BEING PAID WAGES. INCREASED AUTOMATION WILL ASSIST IN THE DETECTION AND REDUCTION OF FRAUD.

IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYER WITH COMPUTERIZED RECORD KEEPING AND ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE BUREAU, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DATA PROCESSING DIRECTOR AT (207) 289-3168.

UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



NOTES ON THE MAINE ECONOMY - A QUARTERLY ANALYSIS ---

- MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGED A RECESSION-TINGED 9.2 PERCENT DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1982 AS COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 6.9 PERCENT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1981.
- THE RATE FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER WAS ALSO HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE OF 8.8 PERCENT RECORDED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982 DESPITE SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT GAINS, AS LABOR FORCE GROWTH OUTWEIGHED EMPLOYMENT GROWTH.
- NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 11,500 BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1982, WITH SEASONAL GAINS IN TRADE, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE INCREASE.
- BETWEEN THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1982 EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE INCREASED BY 4,600, WITH SEASONAL GAINS BY EATING AND DRINKING PLACES ACCOUNTING FOR NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. SERVICES REGISTERED A SUBSTANTIAL SEASONAL INCREASE OF 3,500 DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1982, DUE PRIMARILY TO JOB GAINS IN MOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES.
- BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 1981 AND 1982 NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECLINED BY 8,700.
- LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS DECLINED 1,300 DURING THE PAST YEAR. HIGH INTEREST RATES AND THE RESULTANT DROP IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAVE RESULTED IN LESS DEMAND FOR THE PRODUCTS OF THIS INDUSTRY. OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY THE NATIONAL RECESSION DURING THE PAST YEAR WERE TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS (-1,600) AND LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-1,900).
- CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT DECLINED BY 2,000 DURING THE PAST YEAR. BUILDING, HEAVY, AND SPECIAL TRADES CONSTRUCTION HAVE ALL BEEN AFFECTED BY THE NATIONAL DOWNTURN.
- WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE DECLINED BY 1,400 BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 1981 AND 1982, WITH LOSSES BY GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES AND WHOLESALE TRADE ACCOUNTING FOR MOST OF THE TOTAL.

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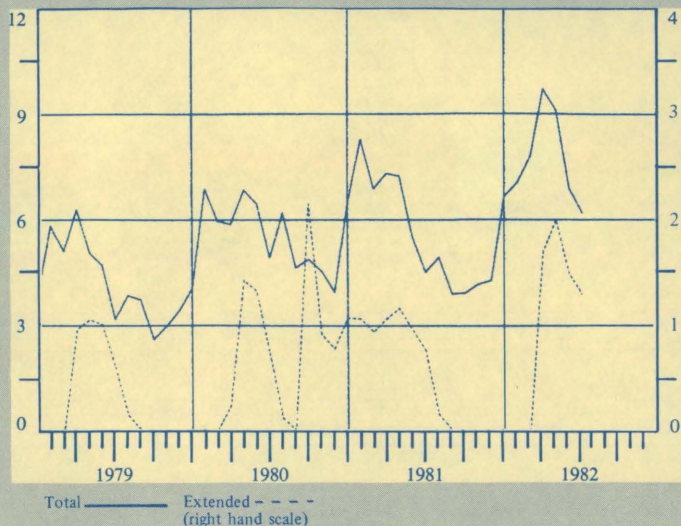
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

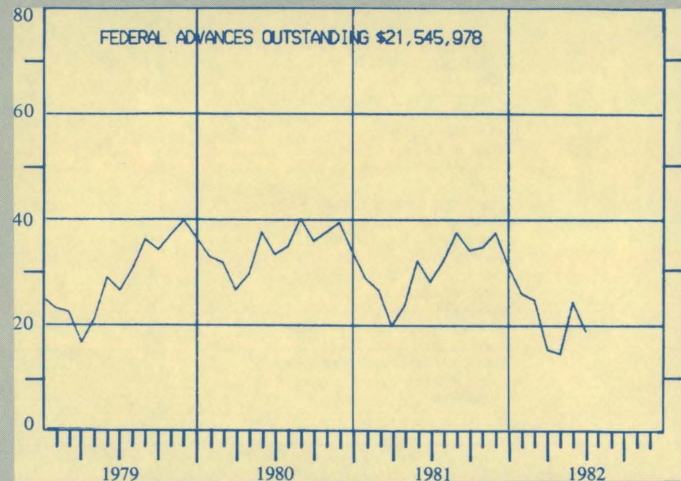
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



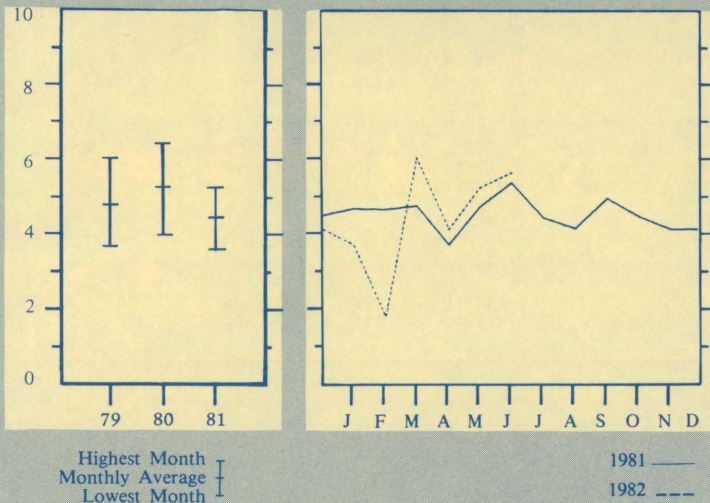
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary ^{1/}	421.0	409.6	430.1	97.1	95.0	94.3	34.1	33.7	34.9
Total Manufacturing	108.8	105.9	115.6	17.6	17.4	17.9	10.9	10.8	11.9
Durable Goods	40.1	39.1	42.4	7.3	7.3	7.5	1.9	2.0	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	12.2	11.3	13.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	15.4	15.7	16.5	6.6	6.6	6.5	1.5	1.6	1.7
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	12.5	12.1	12.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	68.7	66.8	73.2	10.3	10.1	10.4	9.0	8.8	9.7
Food and Kindred Products	8.6	8.4	8.8	2.5	2.4	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.9	7.2	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	2.0
Apparel	4.6	3.9	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.3	18.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.4	20.0	22.2	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.1)	(16.6)	(18.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.0)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.3)	(3.4)	(3.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	10.5	10.0	10.2	4.5	4.5	4.8	2.4	2.4	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	312.2	303.7	314.5	79.5	77.6	76.4	23.2	22.9	23.0
Contract Construction	17.8	16.3	19.5	4.2	4.1	4.5	1.3	1.2	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	18.5	19.3	6.1	5.8	5.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	92.2	88.5	93.7	26.6	25.6	25.5	8.3	8.2	8.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.2	17.7	17.3	8.3	8.1	7.6	1.8	1.7	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	82.6	79.1	82.8	22.4	21.4	20.8	7.7	7.7	7.5
Government	82.2	83.6	81.9	11.9	12.6	12.1	2.9	2.9	3.1
Federal	(18.3)	(18.2)	(17.8)	(1.4)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local ^{5/}	(63.9)	(65.4)	(64.1)	(10.5)	(11.1)	(10.7)	(2.6)	(2.6)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

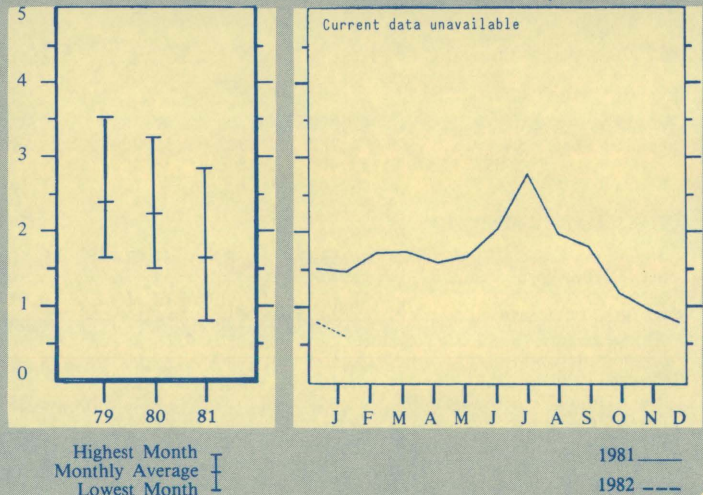
^{1/}Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. ^{2/}Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. ^{3/}Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. ^{4/}Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. ^{5/}Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$284.31	\$278.50	\$268.62	40.1	39.9	40.7	\$7.09	\$6.98	\$6.60	\$6.66	\$6.00	\$5.42
Durable Goods	295.20	290.94	280.16	40.0	39.8	41.2	7.38	7.31	6.80	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	263.21	253.92	261.70	39.7	39.8	40.7	6.63	6.38	6.43	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	281.64	280.28	264.92	39.5	39.2	41.2	7.13	7.15	6.43	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	343.54	342.63	323.89	40.8	40.5	41.9	8.42	8.46	7.73	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	278.18	271.20	262.04	40.2	40.0	40.5	6.92	6.78	6.47	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	222.22	226.70	209.02	37.6	38.1	36.8	5.91	5.95	5.68	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	218.23	212.01	214.87	38.9	38.2	41.4	5.61	5.55	5.19	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	189.62	189.86	181.65	37.4	37.3	37.3	5.07	5.09	4.87	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	468.87	436.75	419.98	46.7	45.4	45.6	10.04	9.62	9.21	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	204.54	205.96	191.11	37.6	38.0	37.4	5.44	5.42	5.11	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	235.73	235.24	231.42	38.9	38.5	40.6	6.06	6.11	5.70	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	274.77	273.39	249.87	38.7	39.0	38.5	7.10	7.01	6.49	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	232.16	229.96	218.44	38.5	38.2	39.5	6.03	6.02	5.53	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	227.0	220.1	214.1
Unemployed	23.2	21.2	19.1
(Percent)	10.2	9.6	8.9
Resident Employed	203.8	198.9	195.0

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	290.6	287.1	271.3	281.5
Percent Change for Past Month				+1.2
Percent Change from Last December				+3.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+7.1

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	542.0	527.5	523.9	493.6	478.4	488.5	48.4	49.1	35.4	8.9	9.3	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,800	44,000	41,700	39,800	41,000	39,100	3,000	3,000	2,600	7.0	6.8	6.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	34,000	32,900	33,000	31,000	30,100	30,800	3,000	2,800	2,200	8.8	8.5	6.7
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,300	39,200	38,900	35,300	35,200	36,100	4,000	4,000	2,800	10.2	10.2	7.2
Portland SMSA	98,300	96,700	94,100	91,700	90,400	88,800	6,600	6,300	5,300	6.7	6.5	5.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,550	30,380	29,710	27,990	27,990	27,570	2,560	2,390	2,140	8.4	7.9	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,930	23,980	23,120	23,390	22,480	21,930	1,540	1,500	1,190	6.2	6.3	5.1
Belfast	11,120	10,790	10,600	9,560	9,260	9,510	1,560	1,530	1,090	14.0	14.2	10.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	9,520	8,230	8,740	8,860	7,590	8,240	660	640	500	6.9	7.8	5.7
Calais-Eastport	16,190	15,550	15,450	13,680	13,080	13,780	2,510	2,470	1,670	15.5	15.9	10.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,500	20,480	20,950	19,080	18,370	19,010	2,420	2,110	1,940	11.3	10.3	9.3
Central Penobscot	3,730	3,780	3,690	3,430	3,460	3,420	300	320	270	8.0	8.5	7.3
Dover-Foxcroft	7,060	6,910	6,580	6,350	6,120	6,220	710	790	360	10.1	11.4	5.5
Ellsworth	21,840	20,650	20,660	20,120	18,740	19,410	1,720	1,910	1,250	7.9	9.2	6.1
Farmington	12,840	12,590	12,710	11,570	11,270	11,770	1,270	1,320	940	9.9	10.5	7.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,390	5,170	5,100	5,410	4,110	4,570	980	1,060	530	15.3	20.5	10.4
Greenville	1,620	1,460	1,580	1,520	1,280	1,500	100	180	80	6.2	12.3	5.1
Houlton	5,450	5,290	5,100	4,780	4,620	4,650	670	670	450	12.3	12.7	8.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,980	5,930	5,860	5,360	5,240	5,510	620	690	350	10.4	11.6	6.0
Livermore Falls	6,260	6,060	6,080	5,460	5,310	5,510	800	750	570	12.8	12.4	9.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,070	4,570	4,490	4,360	3,890	4,090	710	680	400	14.0	14.9	8.9
Mechanic Falls	2,760	2,670	2,960	2,410	2,310	2,670	350	360	290	12.7	13.5	9.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	5,520	5,490	5,410	5,150	5,080	5,180	370	410	230	6.7	7.5	4.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,860	2,780	2,810	2,470	2,330	2,540	390	450	270	13.6	16.2	9.6
Rockland	17,670	17,330	17,050	16,000	15,540	15,740	1,670	1,790	1,310	9.5	10.3	7.7
Rumford	21,370	21,320	21,160	19,060	18,940	19,450	2,310	2,380	1,710	10.8	11.2	8.1
Sebang Lake Region	11,740	11,220	11,540	10,740	10,180	10,780	1,000	1,040	760	8.5	9.3	6.6
Skowhegan	20,860	20,820	21,560	17,980	17,600	20,070	2,880	3,220	1,490	13.8	15.5	6.9
Kittery-York	24,270	21,230	23,430	23,510	20,530	22,830	760	700	600	3.1	3.3	2.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,660	8,530	7,690	7,520	7,460	7,000	1,140	1,070	690	13.2	12.5	9.0
Waterville	21,860	21,600	22,240	19,960	19,010	20,810	1,900	2,590	1,430	8.7	12.0	6.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,638.0	1,627.2	1611.5	1,524.4	1,522.0	1,512.8	113.6	105.2	98.7	6.9	6.5	6.1
Massachusetts	3,050.0	3,003.0	2,960.0	2,775.0	2,746.0	2,774.3	275.0	257.0	185.7	9.0	8.6	6.3
New Hampshire	494.8	487.3	490.4	457.1	450.4	466.0	37.7	36.8	24.4	7.6	7.6	5.0
Rhode Island	479.3	471.6	484.6	434.6	428.0	448.8	44.7	43.6	35.8	9.3	9.2	7.4
Vermont	N/A	263.6	263.3	N/A	243.6	247.9	N/A	20.0	15.4	N/A	7.6	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES..	N/A	5,852.6	5,809.8	N/A	5,390.0	5,449.8	N/A	462.6	360.0	N/A	7.9	6.2
UNITED STATES 3/	111,569	109,914	109,904	100,683	99,957	101,419	10,886	9,957	8,485	9.8	9.1	7.7

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,064	15,559	11,330	1,741	1,910	1,670	1,269	1,477	979
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.2	3.9	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.1	3.8	4.5	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

MAINE NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF WORKERS ¹			NET CHANGE TO CURRENT QUARTER FROM	
	2ND QUARTER	1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	1st QUARTER	2ND QUARTER
	1982	1982	1981	1982	1981
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	411.2	399.7	419.9	+11.5	-8.7
Manufacturing	106.9	107.6	113.6	-0.7	-6.7
Durable Goods	39.4	40.2	41.0	-0.8	-1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.5	12.3	12.8	-0.8	-1.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	4.2	4.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.3
Machinery, except Electrical	3.9	4.2	4.0	-0.3	-0.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.8	7.8	-0.2	-0.2
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.0	8.9	+0.4	+0.5
Other Durable Goods ²	2.8	2.6	3.0	+0.2	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	67.5	67.4	72.6	+0.1	-5.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.6	9.1	-0.2	-0.7
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.6	8.7	-0.5	-1.6
Apparel	4.3	4.6	4.6	-0.3	-0.3
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.6	18.5	0.0	-0.9
Printing and Publishing	3.8	3.9	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	3.9	3.6	3.7	+0.3	+0.2
Leather and Leather Products	20.0	19.2	21.9	+0.8	-1.9
Other Nondurable Goods ³	2.4	2.3	2.3	+0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	304.3	292.1	306.3	+12.2	-2.0
Construction	16.0	13.1	18.0	+2.9	-2.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	17.9	18.7	+0.7	-0.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	88.8	84.2	90.2	+4.6	-1.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	17.8	17.2	17.0	+0.6	+0.8
Services and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.9	76.4	79.9	+3.5	0.0
Government	83.2	83.3	82.5	-0.1	+0.7

¹ Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members. Preliminary estimates for current month and last month; revised estimates for year ago.

² Includes furniture and fixtures; stone, clay, glass, concrete products, and professional and scientific instruments.

³ Includes chemicals, petroleum refining, and miscellaneous manufacturing.

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